

Landing Marine Delivers New Floats to Town Pier

Landing Marine owner Dwight Smith speaks proudly of the new floats designed and built at his "shop" and delivered recently to the town pier at Mattakeesett.

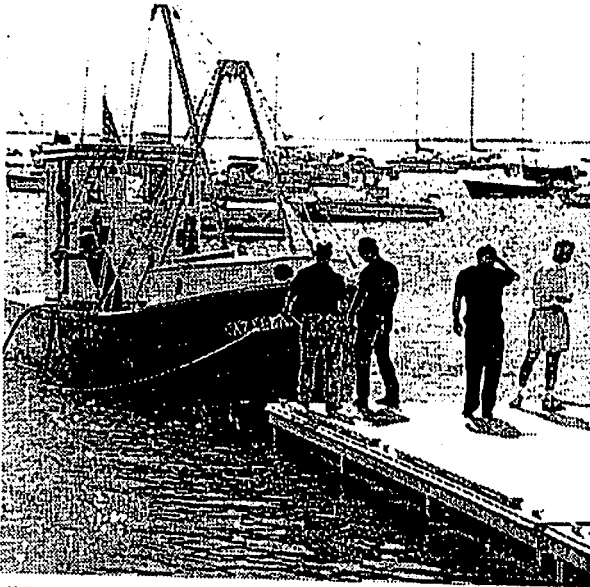
The 3, 12' x 12' x 30' floats were constructed from pressure-treated Oregon timbers in a \$25,000 project that was approved by Annual Town meeting in March.

Long Point, which was the successful bidder for the float project, has been owned by Smith for the past 30 years, and has built floats for the Duxbury and Plymouth Yacht Clubs, Battelle, and many private facilities. Long Point's craftsmanship is reflected in the many quality projects including a 50-foot wooden schooner owned by Sen. Ted Kennedy, which was built there in 1939.

In years past, floats were built by the Department of Public Works.

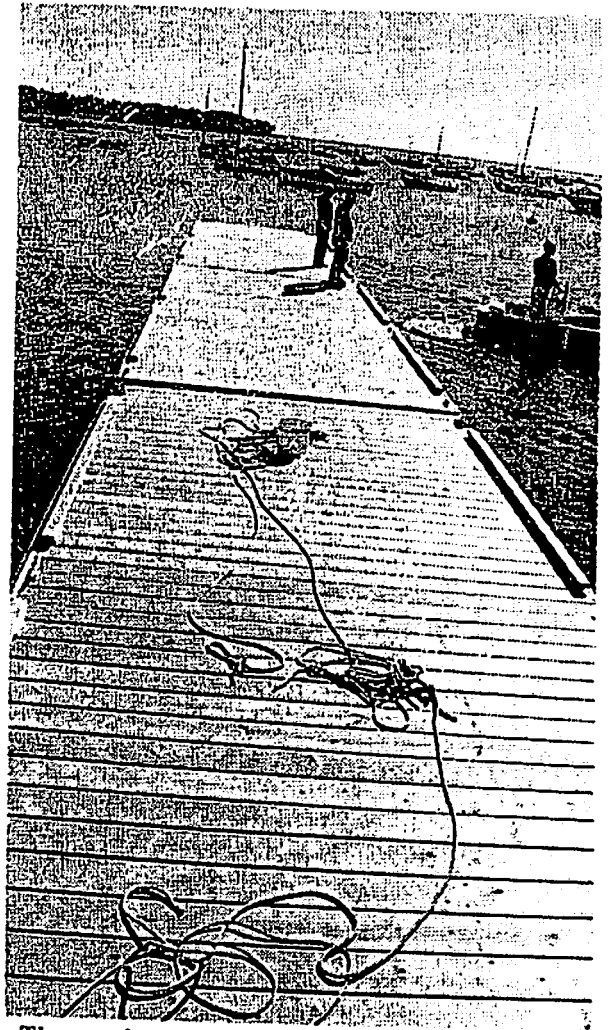
The new floats have a mooring system using several 2,500-pound concrete blocks and extra heavy chain to protect them in hurricane and stormy weather, making hauling unnecessary. The new floats come in 3 sections and can be separated in advance of a storm and allowed to float freely.

Harbormaster Donald Beers said a new wheelchair accessible ramp is also under construction to provide easier access to the new floats and will be made from aluminum.



"Azalea" maneuvers the floats onto the dock.

Duxbury Clipper, Wednesday, August 13, 1997



The much needed floats get attached to the dock at Duxbury Harbor.

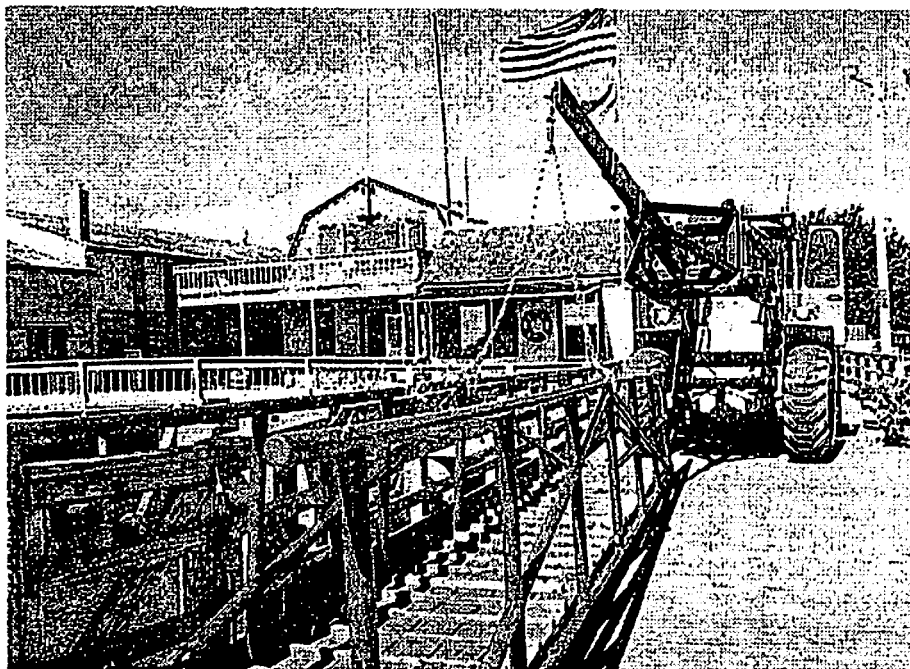
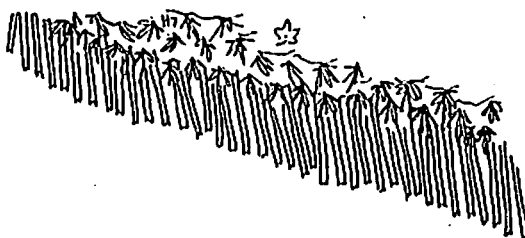
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Isabelle McGoldrick finds a comfortable viewing place in the arms of Paul Malo. Paul runs Bayrider, a launch service at the harbor.



Machinery is ready to put the very heavy ramp back onto the dock.